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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

Note: Corrections made to Kansas City data on March 24, 2014.

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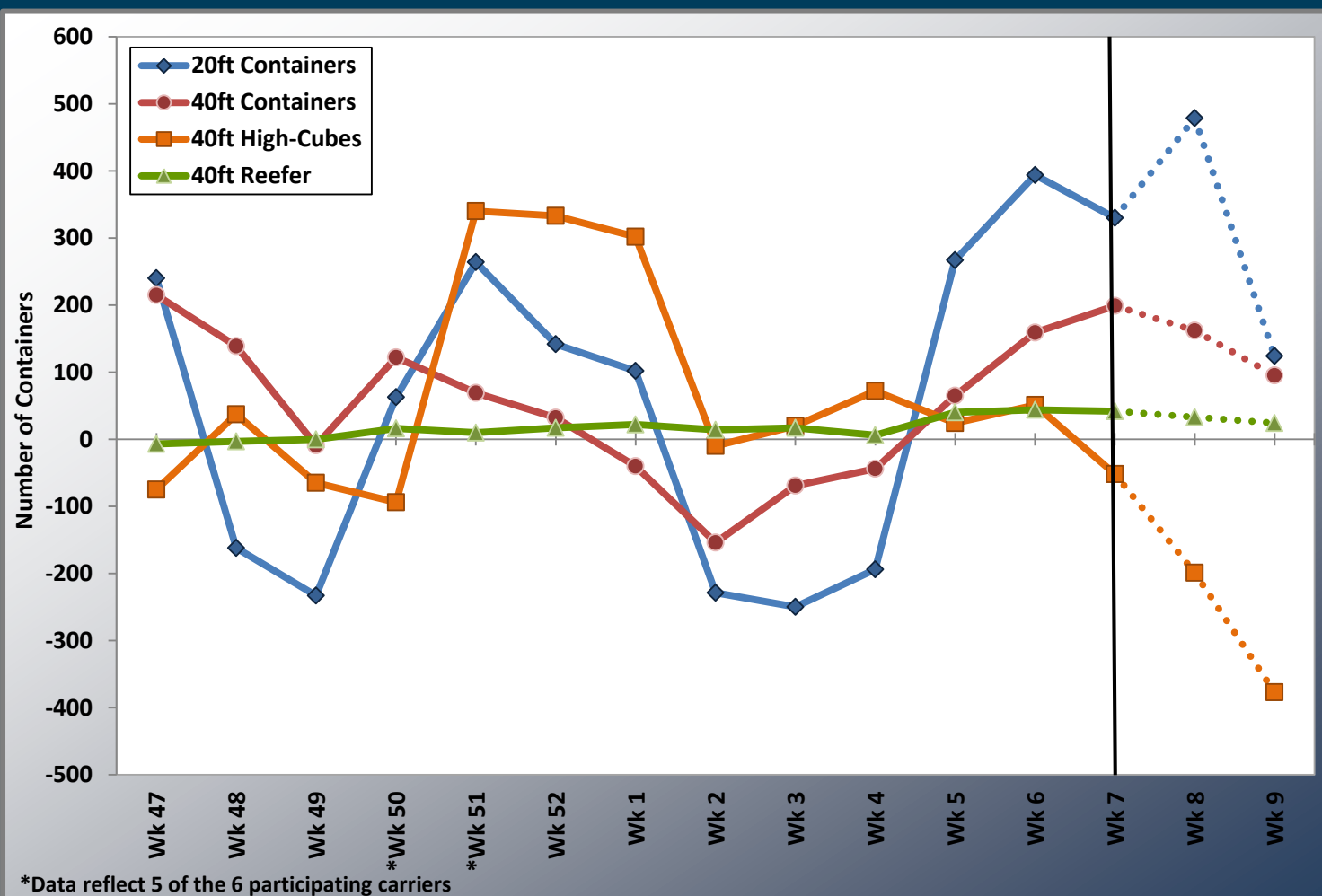
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of New Orleans

The New Orleans Port Region is known for being the top U.S. export region for bulk agricultural commodities. However, the Port of New Orleans also moves containerized, breakbulk, and project cargoes. In terms of tonnage, the region moves more agricultural cargo than any other port region in the country. See [Profiles of Top U.S. Agricultural Ports](#) for more detail on agricultural trade through New Orleans and other top ports. Between January and March 2013, the Port of New Orleans moved more than 72 thousand metric tons of containerized agricultural exports. Poultry products were the top containerized export accounting for 57 percent of agricultural exports through the port, followed by grocery items (12 percent) and grains (8 percent).¹ Approximately 76 percent of containerized agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers; and 15 percent moved in 20ft containers. Because refrigerated exports of poultry products are the top containerized agricultural exports through New Orleans, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below.

Container availability estimates for each of the dry container types (20ft, 40ft, and 40ft high-cube containers) in New Orleans followed a similar pattern since mid-November. However, over the past 3 weeks, the availability of 20ft and 40ft containers has been stronger than 40ft high-cube containers; quite opposite than the estimates reported toward the end of 2013 (see figure below). Availability estimates for 40ft refrigerated containers remained relatively flat and near equilibrium, ranging slightly above 0 for the majority of the past 3 months. Projections for the next 2 weeks are expected to decrease for each of the containers types reported; a spike in 20ft dry containers is expected next week to nearly 480 units, but a sharp decline is expected the following week.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in New Orleans, 3rd week of November, 2013 (Wk 47) through 2nd week of February (Wk 7), 2014, with Projections²



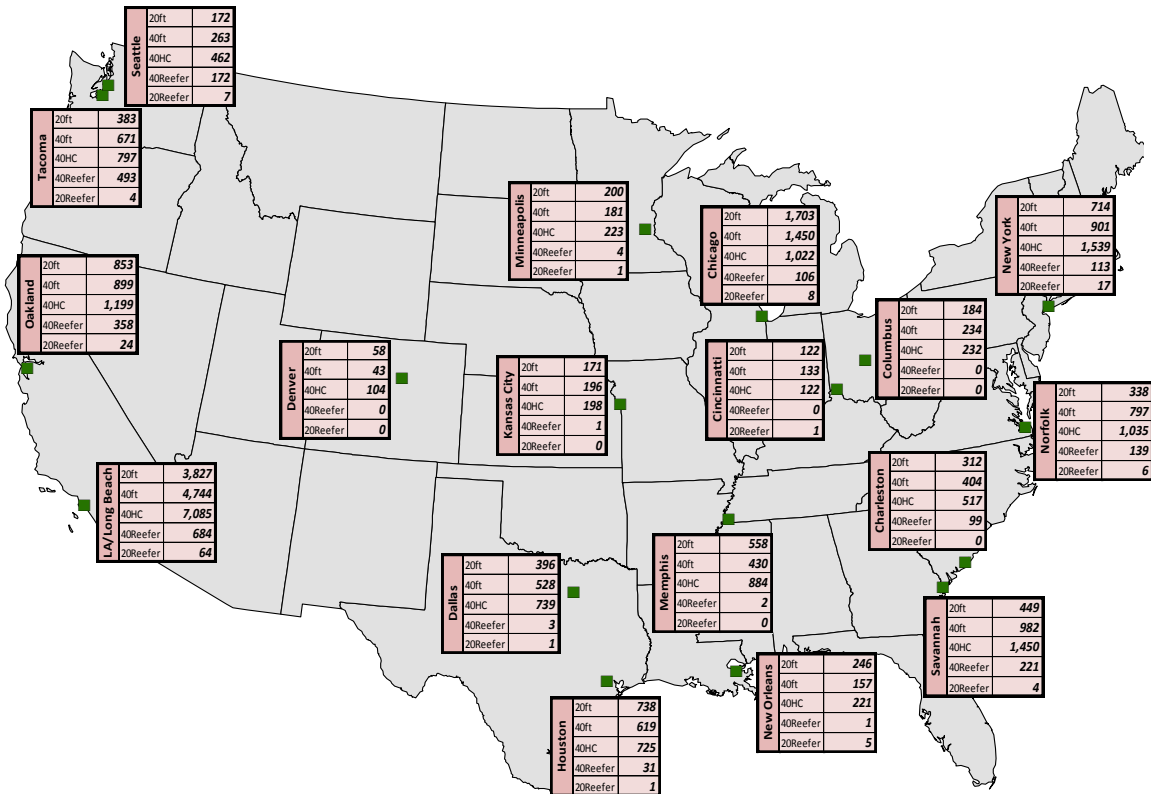
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
² Below-zero estimates indicate demand for containers is greater than supply.

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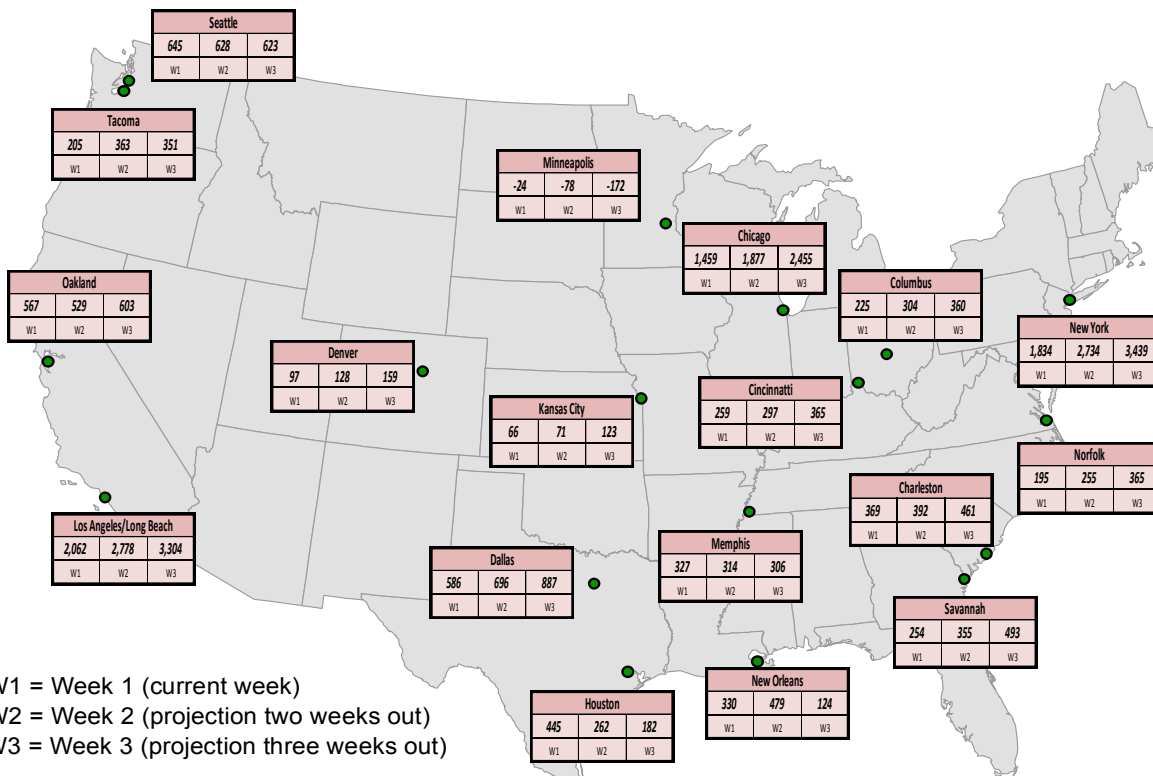
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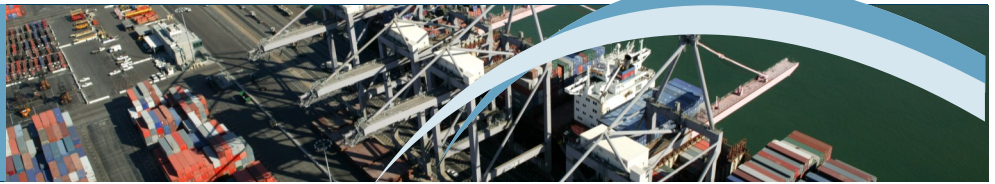
Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



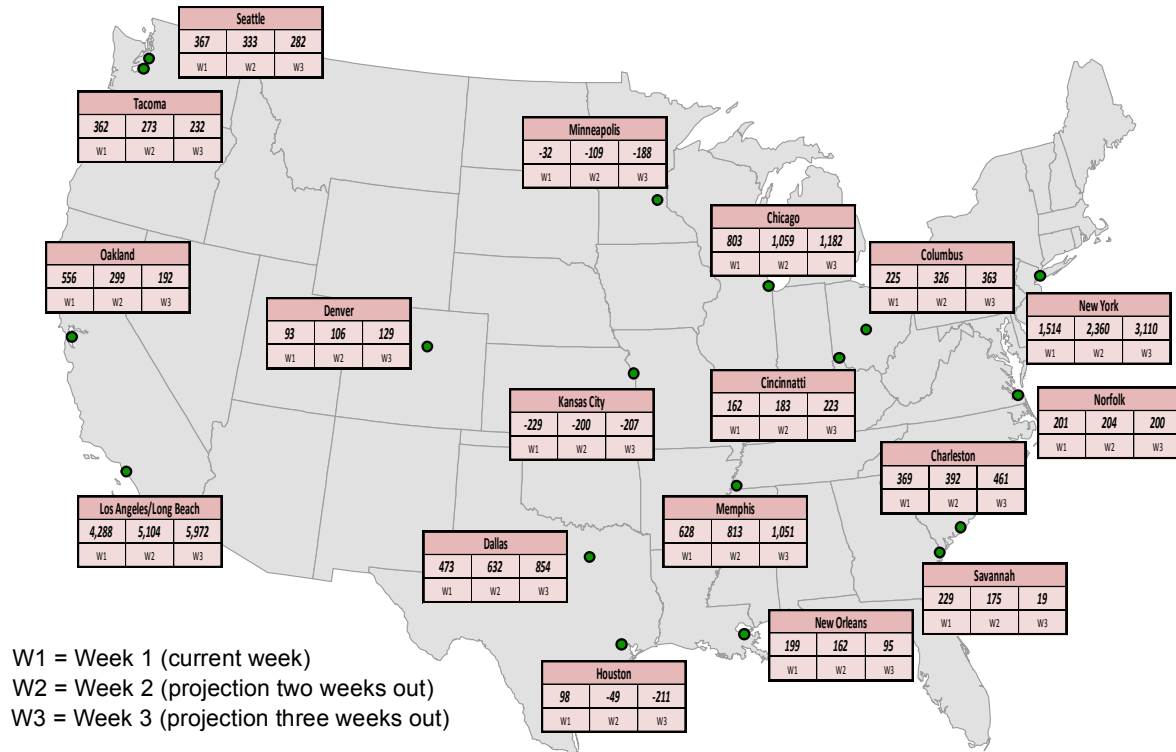
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



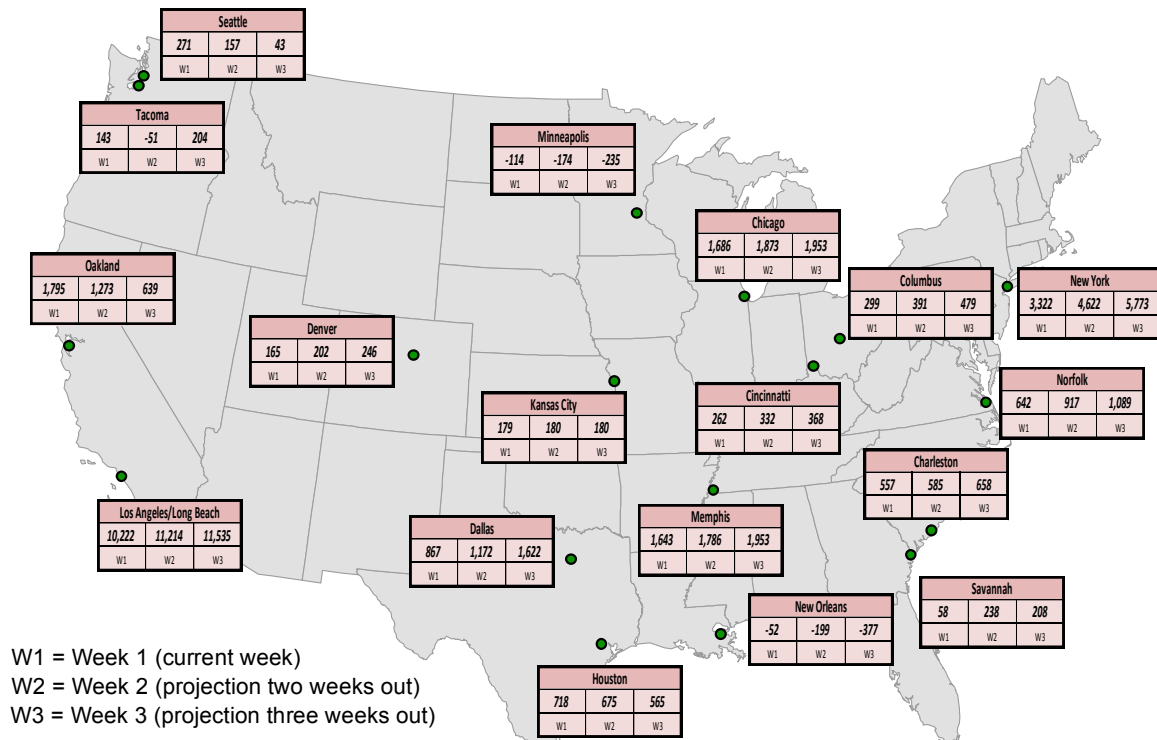
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

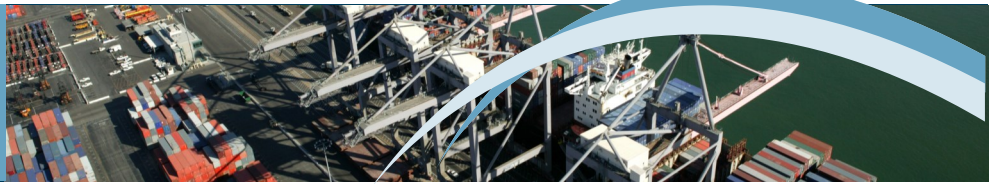


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

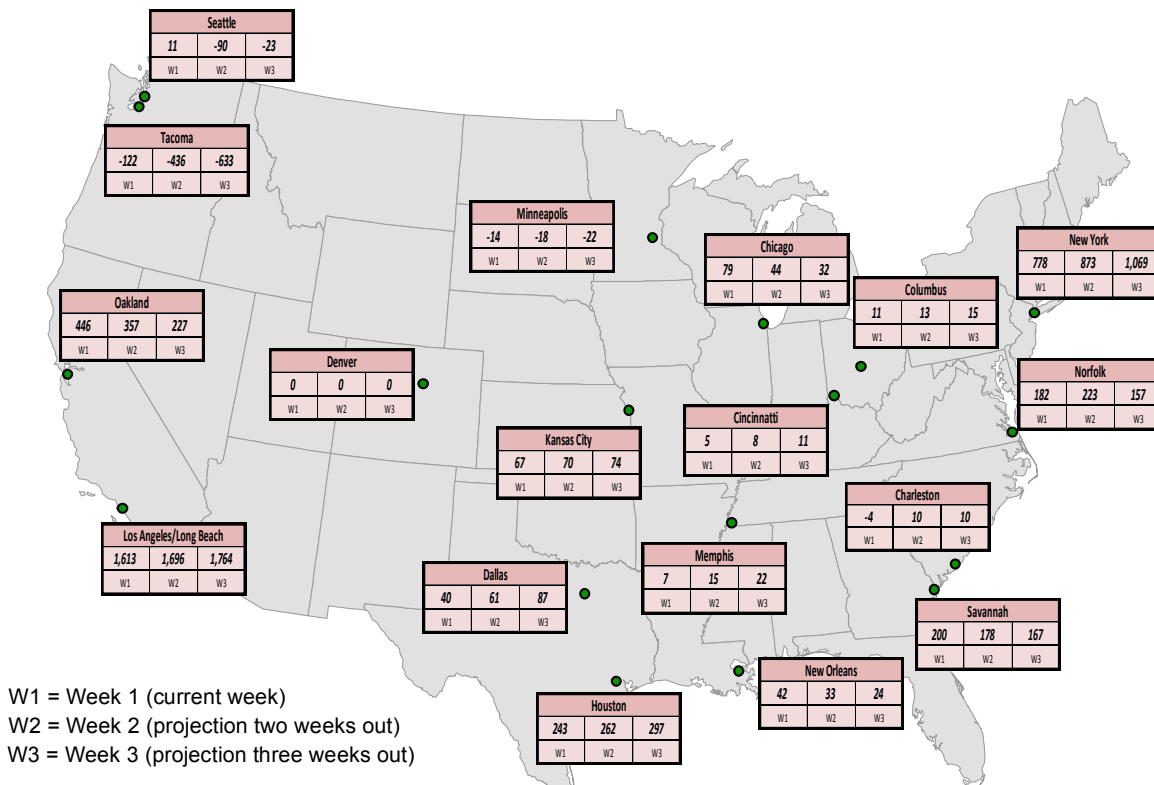


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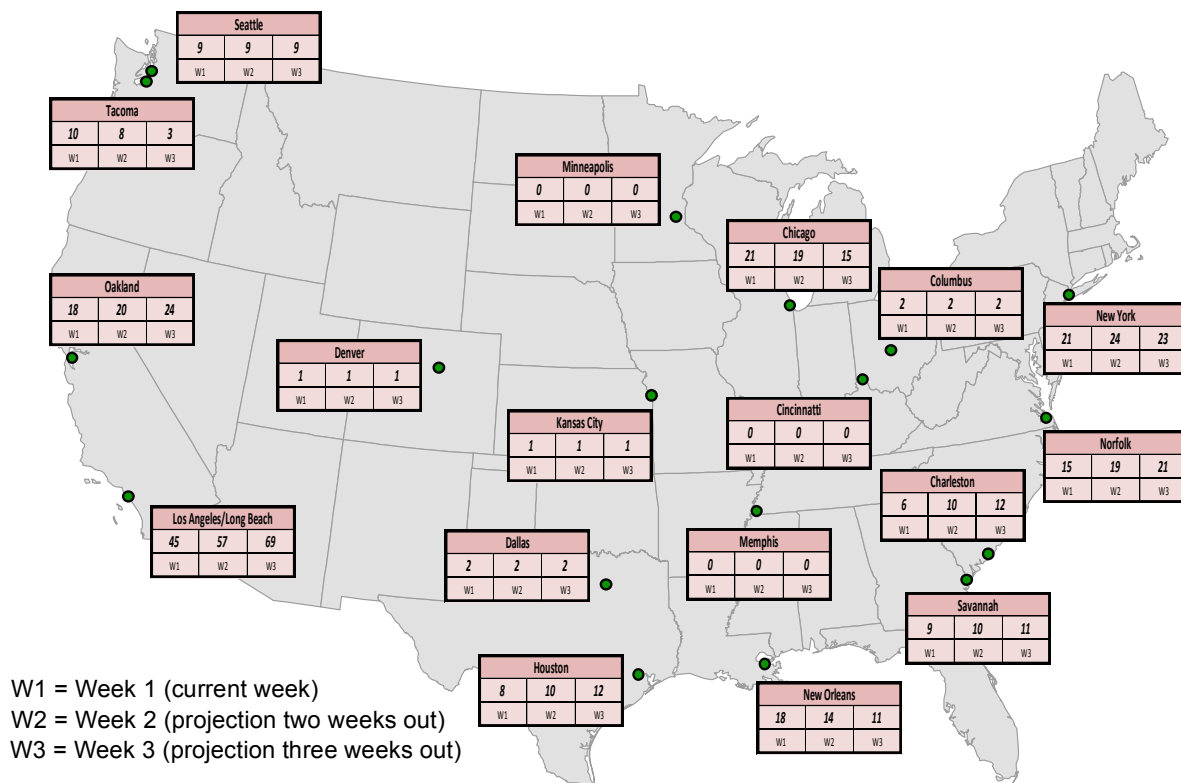
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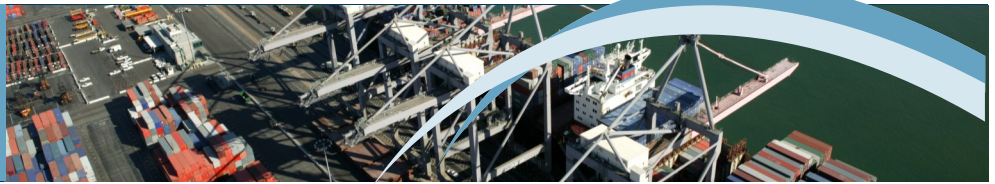


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



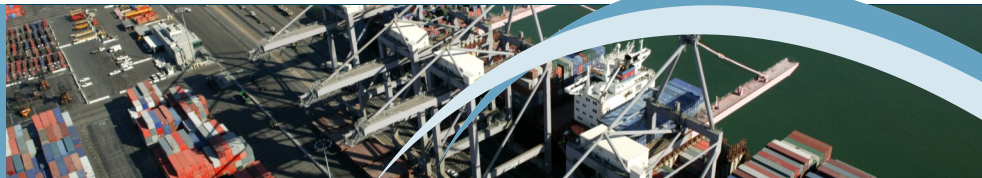


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	136	73	70	51	36	3	.	.	.	.	369
Week 2: Feb 19-25	121	73	70	85	40	3	.	.	.	.	392
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	151	65	70	111	61	3	.	.	.	.	461
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	85	47	25	20	2	-3	.	.	.	.	176
Week 2: Feb 19-25	81	-36	25	20	2	8	.	.	.	.	100
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	74	19	25	18	3	17	.	.	.	.	156
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	299	97	63	55	40	3	.	.	.	.	557
Week 2: Feb 19-25	359	88	41	55	40	2	.	.	.	.	585
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	409	85	69	53	40	2	.	.	.	.	658
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	73	17	13	5	2	-114	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 2: Feb 19-25	70	20	13	5	2	-100	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	60	23	14	5	1	-93	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 2: Feb 19-25	7	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	8	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

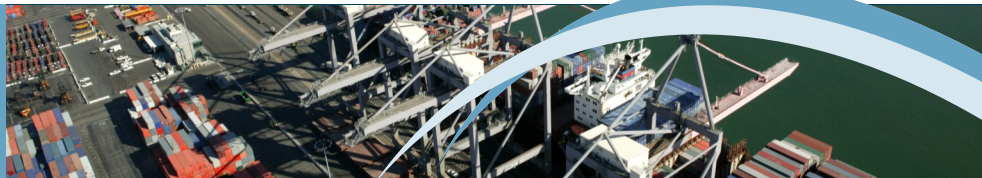


Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	1,022	212	138	85	2	0	.	.	.	.	1,459
Week 2: Feb 19-25	1,276	168	352	85	7	-11	.	.	.	.	1,877
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,645	385	349	85	6	-15	.	.	.	.	2,455
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	313	224	200	49	13	4	.	.	.	.	803
Week 2: Feb 19-25	473	291	200	95	-4	4	.	.	.	.	1,059
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	473	346	200	166	-8	5	.	.	.	.	1,182
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	800	511	179	122	73	1	.	.	.	.	1,686
Week 2: Feb 19-25	800	561	241	197	70	4	.	.	.	.	1,873
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	800	647	202	248	50	6	.	.	.	.	1,953
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	38	21	20	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	79
Week 2: Feb 19-25	34	-10	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	29	-17	20	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	32
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	16	5	21
Week 2: Feb 19-25	14	5	19
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	12	3	15

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	95	73	65	14	10	2	259
Week 2: Feb 19-25	110	93	68	12	10	4	.	.	.	.	297
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	131	113	91	18	10	2	.	.	.	.	365
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	58	47	30	18	14	-5	.	.	.	.	162
Week 2: Feb 19-25	67	55	30	15	14	2	.	.	.	.	183
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	89	62	30	25	16	1	.	.	.	.	223
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	112	75	32	18	15	10	.	.	.	.	262
Week 2: Feb 19-25	133	75	59	14	22	29	.	.	.	.	332
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	147	75	62	14	18	52	.	.	.	.	368
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Feb 19-25	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	0	0
Week 2: Feb 19-25	0	0
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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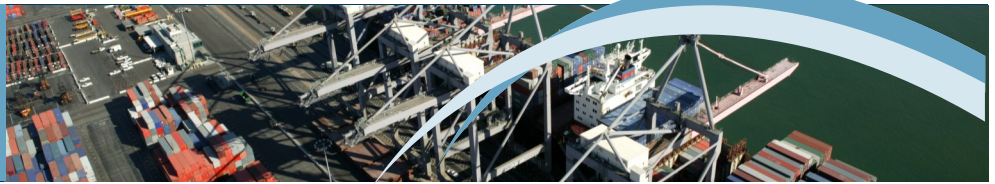


Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	120	67	23	10	6	-1	225
Week 2: Feb 19-25	145	94	52	12	6	-5	.	.	.	.	304
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	175	111	63	12	6	-7	.	.	.	.	360
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	84	67	50	13	11	0	.	.	.	.	225
Week 2: Feb 19-25	105	134	50	25	11	1	.	.	.	.	326
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	124	148	50	27	16	-2	.	.	.	.	363
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	148	89	30	19	15	-2	.	.	.	.	299
Week 2: Feb 19-25	187	136	30	25	15	-2	.	.	.	.	391
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	205	182	30	51	14	-3	.	.	.	.	479
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Feb 19-25	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	2	2
Week 2: Feb 19-25	2	2
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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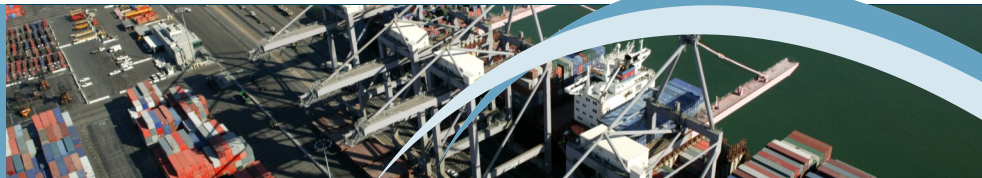


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	173	169	105	70	59	10	586
Week 2: Feb 19-25	305	109	109	70	93	10	.	.	.	.	696
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	434	100	123	70	150	10	.	.	.	.	887
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	213	167	95	50	9	-61	.	.	.	.	473
Week 2: Feb 19-25	160	224	194	50	7	-3	.	.	.	.	632
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	150	290	296	50	10	58	.	.	.	.	854
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	268	268	180	125	17	9	.	.	.	.	867
Week 2: Feb 19-25	365	238	180	271	110	8	.	.	.	.	1,172
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	482	223	180	518	208	11	.	.	.	.	1,622
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	46	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: Feb 19-25	68	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	61
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	95	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	87
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	2	2
Week 2: Feb 19-25	2	2
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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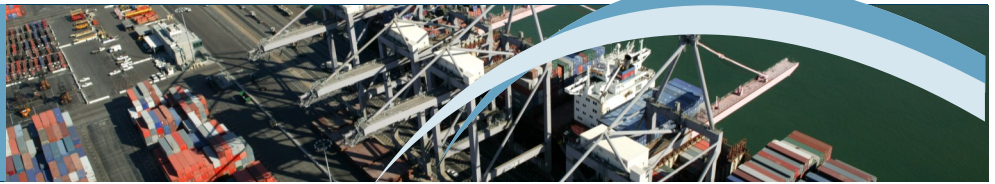


Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	81	13	10	2	-2	-7	97
Week 2: Feb 19-25	103	18	13	2	-2	-6	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	125	25	17	2	-5	-5	.	.	.	.	159
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	52	15	13	7	5	1	.	.	.	.	93
Week 2: Feb 19-25	74	22	3	9	-3	1	.	.	.	.	106
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	95	24	5	8	-4	1	.	.	.	.	129
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	95	20	20	15	8	7	.	.	.	.	165
Week 2: Feb 19-25	130	22	21	15	7	7	.	.	.	.	202
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	168	28	16	15	12	7	.	.	.	.	246
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 19-25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	1	1
Week 2: Feb 19-25	1	1
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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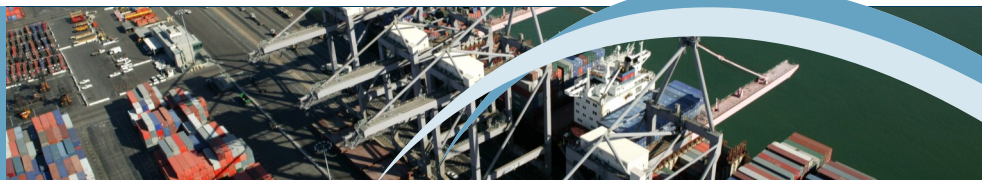


Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	500	35	11	8	-18	-91	445
Week 2: Feb 19-25	500	10	10	23	-107	-174	.	.	.	.	262
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	500	5	10	-4	-197	-132	.	.	.	.	182
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	400	43	23	7	2	-377	.	.	.	.	98
Week 2: Feb 19-25	400	40	7	4	2	-502	.	.	.	.	-49
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	400	32	-38	26	3	-634	.	.	.	.	-211
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	600	125	60	5	-20	-52	.	.	.	.	718
Week 2: Feb 19-25	600	142	61	2	-6	-124	.	.	.	.	675
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	600	217	18	2	-12	-260	.	.	.	.	565
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	170	40	31	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	243
Week 2: Feb 19-25	170	60	30	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	262
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	180	86	29	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	297
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	15	0	-7	8
Week 2: Feb 19-25	17	0	-7	10
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	19	0	-7	12

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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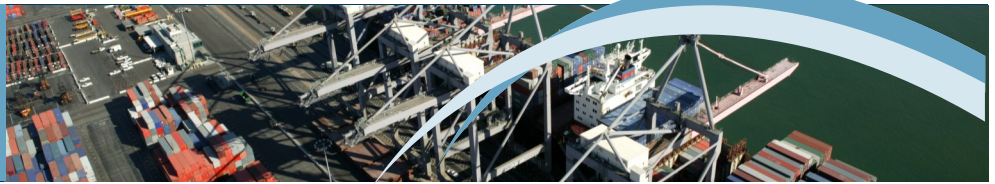


Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	60	16	2	0	-1	-11	66
Week 2: Feb 19-25	60	29	0	-5	-2	-11	.	.	.	.	71
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	60	43	-3	28	5	-10	.	.	.	.	123
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	36	32	-10	-11	-36	-240	.	.	.	.	-229
Week 2: Feb 19-25	60	42	-15	-11	-36	-240	.	.	.	.	-200
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	72	39	-20	-12	-46	-240	.	.	.	.	-207
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	220	30	5	-9	-14	-53	.	.	.	.	179
Week 2: Feb 19-25	220	47	6	-6	-15	-72	.	.	.	.	180
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	220	66	3	-8	-15	-86	.	.	.	.	180
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	35	32	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Feb 19-25	40	30	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	46	28	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Feb 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	800	471	436	394	44	-83	.	.	.	.	2,062
Week 2: Feb 19-25	800	675	665	584	40	14	.	.	.	.	2,778
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	800	872	645	776	40	171	.	.	.	.	3,304
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	1,312	1,150	905	543	323	55	.	.	.	.	4,288
Week 2: Feb 19-25	1,685	1,150	1,087	645	485	52	.	.	.	.	5,104
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	2,052	1,150	1,481	620	624	45	.	.	.	.	5,972
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	5,550	2,557	1,205	762	96	52	.	.	.	.	10,222
Week 2: Feb 19-25	5,550	3,227	1,300	1,049	36	52	.	.	.	.	11,214
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	5,550	3,744	1,175	1,065	-49	50	.	.	.	.	11,535
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	556	471	200	160	151	75	.	.	.	.	1,613
Week 2: Feb 19-25	539	523	200	178	181	75	.	.	.	.	1,696
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	629	561	200	87	212	75	.	.	.	.	1,764
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	29	10	6	45
Week 2: Feb 19-25	41	10	6	57
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	52	10	7	69

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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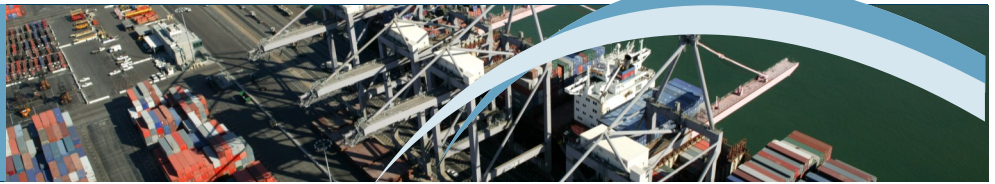


Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	145	117	34	28	3	0	327
Week 2: Feb 19-25	145	124	35	8	1	1	.	.	.	.	314
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	145	104	35	19	3	0	.	.	.	.	306
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	260	211	174	1	-6	-12	.	.	.	.	628
Week 2: Feb 19-25	260	330	226	1	2	-6	.	.	.	.	813
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	260	497	284	3	0	7	.	.	.	.	1,051
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	1,100	335	190	29	4	-15	.	.	.	.	1,643
Week 2: Feb 19-25	1,100	428	228	3	6	21	.	.	.	.	1,786
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,100	484	298	2	6	63	.	.	.	.	1,953
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	4	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Feb 19-25	6	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	8	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	0	0
Week 2: Feb 19-25	0	0
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	90	83	31	-6	-6	-216	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 2: Feb 19-25	90	96	23	6	-7	-286	.	.	.	.	-78
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	90	117	-16	4	-7	-360	.	.	.	.	-172
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	190	19	-8	-10	-12	-211	.	.	.	.	-32
Week 2: Feb 19-25	190	3	-8	-5	-16	-273	.	.	.	.	-109
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	190	-30	-8	-8	7	-339	.	.	.	.	-188
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	52	1	0	-3	-8	-156	.	.	.	.	-114
Week 2: Feb 19-25	68	1	11	-15	-8	-231	.	.	.	.	-174
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	90	1	12	-20	-9	-309	.	.	.	.	-235
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-14
Week 2: Feb 19-25	0	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	0	0
Week 2: Feb 19-25	0	0
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	250	62	14	4	0	0	330
Week 2: Feb 19-25	438	24	11	5	0	1	.	.	.	.	479
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	100	9	10	5	0	0	.	.	.	.	124
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	118	55	16	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	199
Week 2: Feb 19-25	86	44	17	14	0	1	.	.	.	.	162
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	32	37	16	12	0	-2	.	.	.	.	95
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	22	12	0	0	-10	-76	.	.	.	.	-52
Week 2: Feb 19-25	25	12	0	1	-18	-219	.	.	.	.	-199
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	31	9	0	0	-25	-392	.	.	.	.	-377
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	41	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: Feb 19-25	39	-6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	37	-13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	11	7	18
Week 2: Feb 19-25	7	7	14
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	4	7	11

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	600	455	386	310	65	18	1,834
Week 2: Feb 19-25	600	797	447	523	342	25	.	.	.	.	2,734
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	600	1,106	657	736	320	20	.	.	.	.	3,439
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	861	330	270	243	20	-210	.	.	.	.	1,514
Week 2: Feb 19-25	894	330	466	493	23	154	.	.	.	.	2,360
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,257	330	632	726	20	145	.	.	.	.	3,110
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	1,513	1,330	476	293	20	-310	.	.	.	.	3,322
Week 2: Feb 19-25	1,560	1,330	750	622	33	327	.	.	.	.	4,622
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	1,895	1,330	1,274	929	30	315	.	.	.	.	5,773
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	302	200	112	95	59	10	.	.	.	.	778
Week 2: Feb 19-25	373	200	50	128	112	10	.	.	.	.	873
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	451	200	16	157	235	10	.	.	.	.	1,069
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	14	5	2	21
Week 2: Feb 19-25	15	5	4	24
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	16	5	2	23

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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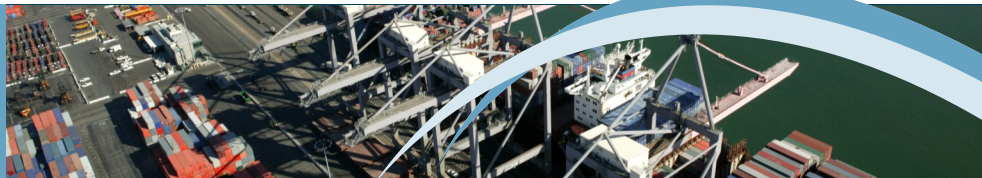


Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	208	83	60	19	8	-183	195
Week 2: Feb 19-25	215	100	60	8	9	-137	.	.	.	.	255
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	245	128	60	6	9	-83	.	.	.	.	365
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	131	100	87	10	-45	-82	.	.	.	.	201
Week 2: Feb 19-25	158	100	53	10	-10	-107	.	.	.	.	204
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	201	100	4	10	-12	-103	.	.	.	.	200
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	301	170	170	138	12	-149	.	.	.	.	642
Week 2: Feb 19-25	376	234	170	178	9	-50	.	.	.	.	917
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	406	341	170	218	9	-55	.	.	.	.	1,089
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	137	68	17	10	4	-54	.	.	.	.	182
Week 2: Feb 19-25	122	90	34	10	3	-36	.	.	.	.	223
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	57	82	41	10	1	-34	.	.	.	.	157
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	13	1	1	15
Week 2: Feb 19-25	15	3	1	19
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	17	3	1	21

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	424	190	88	7	-5	-137	567
Week 2: Feb 19-25	408	190	85	8	1	-163	.	.	.	.	529
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	362	190	78	10	25	-62	.	.	.	.	603
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	652	100	19	7	-36	-186	.	.	.	.	556
Week 2: Feb 19-25	694	100	-16	3	-279	-203	.	.	.	.	299
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	672	100	-46	6	-290	-250	.	.	.	.	192
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	918	700	377	122	9	-331	.	.	.	.	1,795
Week 2: Feb 19-25	374	700	362	128	7	-298	.	.	.	.	1,273
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	-200	700	324	112	8	-305	.	.	.	.	639
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	385	50	47	30	14	-80	.	.	.	.	446
Week 2: Feb 19-25	321	50	10	30	-4	-50	.	.	.	.	357
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	253	50	-24	30	-22	-60	.	.	.	.	227
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	18	10	-10	18
Week 2: Feb 19-25	23	10	-13	20
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	28	10	-14	24

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	141	110	83	64	3	-147	254
Week 2: Feb 19-25	173	110	77	60	3	-68	.	.	.	.	355
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	189	110	127	55	3	9	.	.	.	.	493
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	268	130	129	4	-134	-168	.	.	.	.	229
Week 2: Feb 19-25	296	130	152	2	-102	-303	.	.	.	.	175
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	277	130	138	3	-98	-431	.	.	.	.	19
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	353	200	156	0	-106	-545	.	.	.	.	58
Week 2: Feb 19-25	526	200	268	0	-100	-656	.	.	.	.	238
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	571	200	281	0	-110	-734	.	.	.	.	208
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	80	70	38	17	10	-15	.	.	.	.	200
Week 2: Feb 19-25	80	92	4	19	10	-27	.	.	.	.	178
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	68	117	2	13	10	-43	.	.	.	.	167
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	6	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Feb 19-25	6	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	6	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	535	60	43	7	645
Week 2: Feb 19-25	517	60	42	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	628
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	500	60	54	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	623
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	318	30	15	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	367
Week 2: Feb 19-25	289	30	4	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	333
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	253	30	-11	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	282
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	243	30	6	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	271
Week 2: Feb 19-25	163	30	4	-40	.	.	.	.	.	.	157
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	72	30	9	-68	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	66	20	20	-95	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Feb 19-25	80	20	15	-205	.	.	.	.	.	.	-90
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	87	20	11	-141	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	8	1	9
Week 2: Feb 19-25	8	1	9
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	8	1	9

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	157	92	30	8	-82	205
Week 2: Feb 19-25	143	78	30	8	104	.	.	.	.	.	363
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	123	91	30	8	99	.	.	.	.	.	351
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	465	20	7	-34	-96	.	.	.	.	.	362
Week 2: Feb 19-25	457	20	8	-32	-180	.	.	.	.	.	273
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	455	20	8	-35	-216	.	.	.	.	.	232
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	278	120	46	8	-309	.	.	.	.	.	143
Week 2: Feb 19-25	274	120	-165	9	-289	.	.	.	.	.	-51
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	577	120	-208	10	-295	.	.	.	.	.	204
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	93	5	0	-59	-161	.	.	.	.	.	-122
Week 2: Feb 19-25	49	5	0	-307	-183	.	.	.	.	.	-436
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	40	5	0	-467	-211	.	.	.	.	.	-633
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 12-18	9	1	10
Week 2: Feb 19-25	7	1	8
Week 3: Feb 26-Mar 4	2	1	3

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

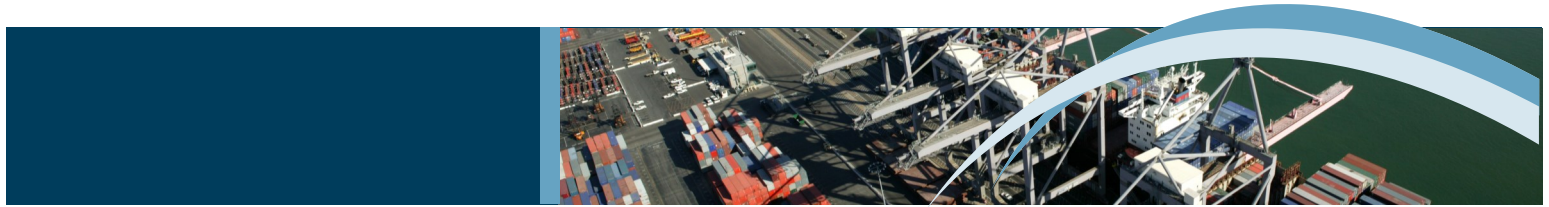
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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